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Honorable Michael Friedman
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to urge your support for
Docket Nos. 98P-0151/CP1 and 98P-0203/CP.

The first petition, urging meat from
downed animals be labeled unfit for human
consumption, is simply a humane endeavor. No
animal should have to endure such treatment of
painful transportation, kicking, et cetera
only to be left in the hot sun or worse to die
a slow death. It is unnecessary. Profit
should never be put ahead of humanity.

The second petition to ban forced
molting of laying hens should have been passed
long ago. I recently read a headline that
said it best, "If you didn't feed your dog or
cat for 14 days, this would be consider
deplorable, but. . ." This practice is not
only cruel to the hens, those who die a slow
death as well as those who survive, but this
practice is not safe for humans who consume
the eggs generated as it can increase the
possibility of salmonella.

I appreciate your attention to this
matter and hope you are able to secure
positive results for these poor animals.

Sincerely,


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98P-0151

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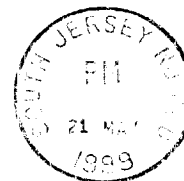
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FILE NO: 98P-0151/C2201

SEE FILE NO: 98P-0203/C1492

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